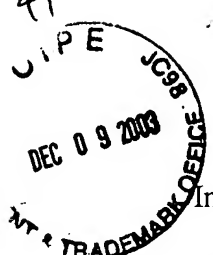


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In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/020,173

Group Art Unit: 2862

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Examiner: Gerard R. Strecker

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For: FIBER OPTIC CENTRAL TUBE CABLE WITH STRANDED TUBES AROUND A  
BUNDLE SUPPORT MEMBER

RECEIVED  
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TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 6, 2003 to December 9, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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